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1. SUMMARY. SOVIET PRESS HIGHLIGHTS:

-- PRAVDA POLITICAL OBSERVER MAYEVSKIY COMMENTS ON FACTORS COMPLICATING ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY SCHEME, AMONG THEM THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM, PEKING IN GENERAL, AND EFFORTS TO CREATE A SEOUL-TOKYO-WASHINGTON AXIS. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA ALSO COMMENTS ON THE LATTER PROBLEM (SEPTTEL);

-- KRASNAYA ZVEZDA DISCUSSES FOREIGN POLICY COORDINATION WITHIN THE WARSAW PACT (SEPTTEL);

-- MATVEYEV IN IZVESTIYA ADDS YET ANOTHER COMMENTARY TO ON-GOING SERIES OF BLASTS AT WESTERN INSISTENCE THAT DETENTE MUST OCCUR IN IDEOLOGICAL AS WELL AS POLITICAL- MILITARY SPHERES; AND, LIKE YU. ZHUKOV YESTERDAY, DISAVOWS INSURRECTIONARY INTENT IN CHEREPENIN OCTOBER 19 GENERAL STRIKE ARTICLE;

-- PRAVDA AND KRASNAYA ZVEZDA ANNOUNCE THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO CHINA;

-- PRAVDA REPORTS THAT GENSCHER/GROMYKO POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS "FRANK";

-- SOVIET PRESS TREATMENT OF RECENT UNGA RESOLUTIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST QUESTION GIVES UNUSUALLY SHARP HANDLING TO THE TO THE U.S.;

-- AND PRAVDA REPORTS LE DUAN ONCE AGAIN AGREED TO IMPLICITLY ANTI-PEKING FORMULATION IN HIS WARSAW COMMUNIQUE. END SUMMARY.

2. THE IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE. IZVESTIYA POLITICAL OBSERVER VICTOR MATVEYEV, CONTINUING THE RECENT SURGE OF SOVIET MEDIA PLAY ON THE IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE, ECHOES THE ARGUMENTS PRESENTED BY ZHUKOV IN PRAVDA YESTERDAY (REF A) AND BY ARBATOV IN HIS SEPTEMBER 3 IZVESTIYA ARTICLE. HE WRITES THAT WESTERN ATTENTION CONFIDENTIAL

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TO THIS ISSUE IS REALLY AN EFFORT BY SOME CIRCLES TO PROVE THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE BETWEEN STATES WITH DIFFERING SOCIAL SYSTEMS, AND REPEATS THE USUAL ARGUMENTS ON THE INEVITABILITY OF IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE. MATVEYEV ALSO REPEATS ZHUKOV'S REFUTATION OF WESTERN INTERPRETATIONS OF THE PRAVDA OCTOBER 19 CHEREPENIN ARTICLE ON THE 1905 GENERAL STRIKE AS "PROOF OF (SOVIET) EXPANSIONIST AIMS." HE CONTENDS THAT THE "NOBEL

PEACE PRIZE IS BEING USED ... ESSENTIALLY TO ATTEMPT TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OUR COUNTRY," AND CALLS THE COPENHAGEN HEARINGS (ON SAKHAROV) AN EFFORT TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM "EXECUTIONIST" REGIMES SUPPORTED MORALLY AND MATERIALLY BY THE WEST. HE BORROWS ARBATOV'S CONTENTION THAT THE USSR PRINTS MORE TRANSLATIONS FROM FOREIGN LANGUAGES THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, AND THAT IT BEHOOVES THE WEST TO LOOK TO ITS OWN HOUSE IN SEEKING IMPROVEMENT IN INFORMATIONEXCHANGE. FINALLY, HE ACCUSES WESTERN OFFICIAL VISITORS TO PEKING ( IN THE PLURAL, THOUGH ONLY HEATH IS NAMED) OF BEING "MORE THAN CONCILIATORY" TO THAT REGIME'S ANTI-SOVIET STANCE, AND THUS, HE ARGUES, NOT INTERESTED IN FACTUAL ARGUMENT. COMMENT: MATVEYEV'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE SERIES OF ARTICLES ON THIS THEME IS A FURTHER INDICATION OF AN ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED SOVIET POSITION ON BASKET III AND THE IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE, THOUGH, AS WE NOTE IN REF B, THE NEARNESS OF THE PARTY CONGRESS AND CONSEQUENT PUSH FOR IDEOLOGICAL PURITY MAY SOMEWHAT UNDERSTATE SOVIET WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS SOME BASKET III ISSUES ON A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT LEVEL. END COMMENT.

3. 3. PRESIDENT'S CHINATRIP. PRAVDA AND KRASNAYA ZVEZDA ANNOUNCE WITHOUT COMMENT THAT PRESIDENT FORD WILL TRAVEL TO THE PRC, INDONESIA, AND THE PHILIPPINES DECEMBER 1 THROUGH 7.

4. SCHEEL/GENSCHER VISIT. IZVESTIYA AND PRAVDA ANNOUNCE THAT GENSCHER AND GROMYKO ON NOVEMBER 12 AND 13 HELD CONSULTATIONS AGREED TO IN THE JOINT STATEMENT FROM THE SCHMIDT VISIT IN OCTOBER 1974. THE REPORT SAYS THAT BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL CONFIDENTIAL

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INTEREST WERE DISCUSSED IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF "FRANKNESS AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING." WE WILL BE REPORTING BY SEPTTEL ON SUBSTANCE OF THE TALKS. THE CENTRAL PRESS PAPERS REPORT SHCEEL'S DEPARTURE TO TASHKENT AND SAMARKAND.

5. MIDDLE EAST. PRAVDA AND KRASNAYA ZVEZDA HAVE BELATEDLY BEGUN REPLAYING FOREIGN COMMENTARY ON THE UNGA RESOLUTIONS ON THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM AND ON ZIONISM. PRAVDA CARRIES EXCERPTS OF A STATEMENT BY ISRAELI CP HEAD VILNER REFUTING WESTERN INTERPRETATIONS THAT THE ZIONISM RESOLUTION IS ANTI-SEMITIC. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA REPLAYS A CYPRIOT AKEL NEWSPAPER (KHARAVGI) COMMENTARY DESCRIBING ZIONISM AS "THE UNLOVELY CHILD OF INTERNATIONAL, PRIMARILY AMERICAN, MONOPOLIES," AND NOTES CONGRESSIONAL CALLS FOR RETALIATION. PRAVDA BRIEFLY DISCUSSES THE

CONTENT OF BOTH PALESTINIAN RESOLUTIONS, THEN ADDS THAT ARAB DELEGATIONS AT THE UN ARE NOTING THAT THE U.S. "AGAIN STOOD ON THE SIDE OF THE ISRAELI AGGRESSORS" ON THIS QUESTION. THESE SAME CIRCLES, THE TASS ITEM CONTINUES, ALSO REMEMBER THAT SADAT CALLED ON THE PRESIDENT TO BEGIN A DIALOGUE WITH THE PALESTINIANS, BUT THAT "SADAT DID NOT SAY, HOWEVER, WHAT THE REACTION OF THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT TO HIS PROPOSAL WAS." IN A SEPARATE TASS PIECE PRAVDA REPORTS THAT A PLO REP IN BEIRUT CONDEMNED THE U.S. POSITION ON THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION, AND PRAISED ASSISTANCE GIVEN THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE BY THE SOVIET UNION. COMMENT: SOVIET MEDIA REPORTING ON THE THREE UNGA RESOLUTIONS HAS BEEN RATHER SLOW IN APPEARING. THE LINE NOW CLEARLY ESTABLISHED, HOWEVER, REVOLVES AROUND USE OF THE RESOLUTIONS TO EMPHASIZE THE POLARITY OF U.S.-ISRAELI AND SOVIET-PLO POSITIONS. THE TREATMENT OF THE U.S. IN THESE COMMENTARIES IS UNUSUALLY HARSH, ALTHOUGH CRITICISM IS STILL ASCRIBED TO FOREIGN SOURCES. END COMMENT.

6. LE DUAN IN POLAND. PRAVDA REPORTS BRIEFLY ON THE COMMUNIQUE RESULTING FROM LE DUAN'S VISIT TO WARSAW, NOTING THAT BOTH PARTIES EMPHASIZE THEY WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN THE UNITY OF THE "SOCIALIST" STATES AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT ON THE BASIS OF MARXISM-LENINISM AND PROLETARIAN  
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INTERNATIONALISM. COMMENT: LE DUAN CONTINUES TO USE THIS CLEARLY ANTI-PEKING FORMULATION IN EVERY STOP ON HIS EASTERN EUROPEAN TOUR AND JUST AS CLEARLY THE SOVIETS LOVE IT. HIS NEIGHBORS TO THE NORTH WILL NOT BE PLEASED. END COMMENT.  
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